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June 27, 2007

The Honorable Greg Chilcott, Chairman
Ravalli County Commissioners
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Dear Chairman Chilcott:

This letter is in reference to the April 23, 2007 report by Mr. Mark Fournier, Hamilton, Montana, that Ravalli County, Montana violated its Federal obligations with respect to grants issued by the Federal Aviation Administration for improvements at the Ravalli County Airport, Hamilton, Montana, and in reference to the subsequent resolution of his complaint.

Mr. Fournier alleged that the County violated the following grant assurances:

1. Grant Assurance 22, Economic non-discrimination, Sections 22a, b(1) and (2), c, and, h.
2. Grant Assurance 23, Exclusive Rights
3. Grant Assurance 24, Fee and Rental Structure.

On June 7, 2007, you participated in a meeting to attempt a pre-complaint resolution as required under 14 CFR Part 16.21, *Rules of Practice for Federally-Assisted Airport Proceedings*. As a result of that meeting, Ravalli County entered into a Settlement Agreement with Mr. Fournier. Both parties signed the Settlement Agreement on June 12, 2007, thereby resolving Mr. Fournier's informal complaint.

Therefore, we conclude that this matter warrants no further FAA action. This conclusion is not a final agency action subject to judicial review. We commend you, the Airport Manager, and the Airport Board on your willingness to resolve the issues in good faith and move forward.

Sincerely,

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Manager, Helena Airports District Office

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